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"...to foster a society based on creed instead of greed." Peter Maurin

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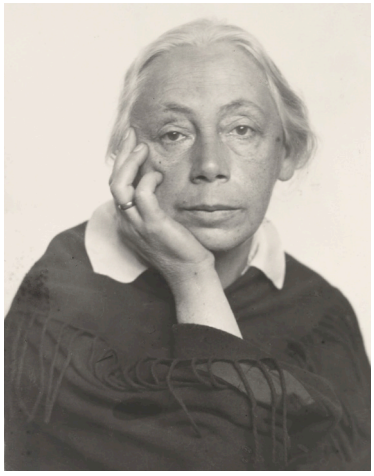
An Artist for Our Time

by Scott Schaeffer-Duffy

Born in 1867 to Karl and Katherine Schmidt, Käthe Kollwitz was raised to believe in freedom of conscience. Her father was a social democrat and her maternal grandfather, Julius Rupp, was a prominent minister who founded Prussia's first congregation open to all Christian denominations, Jews, and freethinkers. After his death, Käthe created a bronze memorial to him with the inscription, "He who fails to live by the truth he believes is the most dangerous enemy to truth itself."



Käthe Kollwitz

Recognizing her artistic talent early on, her father enrolled Käthe in art lessons at age 12.

At 21, she married Karl Kollwitz, a doctor who tended the poor in Berlin, furthering Käthe's awareness of the misery of the poor, and prompting her to create images that highlighted their plight.

After the birth of her son Hans in 1892, she began to portray the 1844 weaver's revolt, a project she continued after her second son, Peter, was born in 1896.

While her artistic skill gained more and more recognition, her social commentary prompted Kaiser Wilhelm I to boycott her exhibitions. In 1898, she was nominated for an award at the Great Berlin Art Exhibition, a proposal the Kaiser indignantly rejected. Nonetheless, that same year, she won a teaching assignment at the Berlin Academy for Women Artists and offered classes in etching and drawing from live models. In 1901, undeterred by royal opposition, she began working on a major project to depict the Peasant's War (1524-1526).

In 1906, Kollwitz designed a poster for a major exhibition in Berlin featuring an exhausted working-class woman. Empress Augusta refused to visit the exhibition while the poster was publicly displayed.

Kollwitz drew inspiration from writers like Émile Zola and sculptors like Auguste Rodin, whom she met at his studio in Paris. In 1912, she enjoyed her first solo US exhibition in the print room of the New York Public Library. International renown did not quell criticism. That same year, a poster she created was banned after complaints from an association of landlords. Perhaps censorship like this prompted her to help found the Association of Women Artists in 1913.

The following year, her younger son, Peter, only 18 at the time, was killed in the German invasion of Belgium. This tragedy, combined with other experiences during World War I, transformed Kollwitz into a pacifist. She spoke out courageously against the war and incorporated her views in powerful artworks.

After The Versailles Treaty to end the war imposed severe terms on Germany, the people suffered hyper-inflation and catastrophic poverty which Kollwitz depicted in an attempt to secure desperately needed relief. More than any previous artist, she captured the agony parents suffer when they are powerless to

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When Everyone Is a Terrorist

by Claire Schaeffer-Duffy

Somewhere in my basement office are notes from an interview I conducted with an Iraq combat veteran after his talk at Yale University on war and moral injury. The US was two or three years into its war on Iraq, and I was researching combat trauma. The soldier had manned roadblocks. He said the protocol the military employed to reduce civilian casualties sometimes proved useless, and there were occasions when troops shot at vehicles transporting fleeing families, because the drivers hadn't understood the Americans shouting commands in their rudimentary and perhaps mispronounced Arabic. I can't remember the combat veteran's answer to my question, "Why not shoot at car tires instead?" But I remember the dark circles under his eyes and his talk of using alcohol and pills to sedate his moral distress.

Prior to the Yale conversation, I interviewed Kevin and Joyce Lucey, parents of a 23-year-old Marine reservist who committed suicide less than a year after his return from Iraq. Jeffrey Lucey was with the 6th Motor Transport Battalion of New Haven, CT, in the vanguard of the March 2003 ground invasion then Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld ordered.

Lucey drove a truck transporting Iraqi POWs. Early in the invasion, he joined a detachment from 6th Motors which accompanied the 29th Marine Expeditionary Unit into Nasiriyeh. The

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On ICE

by Jesse Ventura

Editor's Note: 0n January 7th, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, after an ICE agent murdered an unarmed mother of three and award-winning poet, Renee Nicole Good, heavily armed and masked agents, in unmarked SUVs, pulled up to Roosevelt Public High School in South Minneapolis as classes were ending. Without identifying themselves or presenting arrest warrants, the agents tackled several students, hit them, and sprayed chemical irritants. Other students threw snowbals at the agents and at least one teacher was arrested while trying to protect students.

The following comments were made outside the school on January 8th by Jesse Ventura, a former US Navy Seal, WWF wrestler, commentator, and politician.

As a graduate of Roosevelt High School and as the former governor of Minnesota, I'm so proud of Roosevelt High School and how they stood up for what is supposed to be America and freedom. Freedom is not arresting people without warrants. We have a system here. It's called a Constitution, and we have a party, the Republicans, who don't seem to want to abide by the Constitution. The January 6th riot at the US Capitol is a prime example of that. Now they're all free and in charge. ...We have leadership now which has destroyed the Constitution. They don't follow it. They could care less about it. I took an oath to defend the Constitution "against all enemies foreign and domestic." After January 6, the Republican party became a domestic enemy to our Constitution.... Ω

The Israeli-Occupied West Bank Since 10/7/23

	Palestinians	Israelis
killed	1,010	41
children killed	229	3
US citizens killed	9	0
jailed	11,000	0
jailed without charge	3,500	0
homes demolished	760	0

History of Israel's Expansion

1947	UN Partition gives 55% of Palestine to Israel
1947-49	Israel seizes 78% of Palestine Israel expells 750,000 Palestinians
1967	Israel seizes 100% of Palestine
1967-2026	Israel approves 450,000 illegal settlers in the West Bank

In July 2025, after Florida-born Sayfollah Musallat, 20, was beaten to death by Israeli settlers in the West Bank, Mike Huckabee, the US ambassador to Israel appointed by President Trump, urged Israel to "aggressively investigate" the murder of Sayfollah, calling it a "criminal and terrorist act." No action took place. None of the perpetrators faced criminal charges or US sanctions.

In a January 7, 2026 report, UN Human Rights Chief Volker Turk said: "There is a systematic asphyxiation of the rights of Palestinians in the West Bank. Whether accessing water, school, rushing to hospital, visiting family or friends, or harvesting olives – every aspect of life for Palestinians in the West Bank is controlled and curtailed by Israel's discriminatory laws, policies, and practices."

UN experts have stated that a clear risk of genocide exists in the West Bank. Ω

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Letter to President Trump

President Donald J. Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Trump, January 13, 2026

Yesterday's *New York Times* reported that you called for a 10% credit card interest cap. Although the proposal faces stiff opposition from credit card companies, which can charge 21% or higher, and may not become a reality, I salute you for taking this step to protect consumers from being buried under debt. Perhaps you are aware that Judaism, Christianity, and Islam all strongly condemn the charging of excessive interest on loans.

My praise comes at a time when many Americans, including me, have been sorely tempted to call you evil because:

- You approved killing in Nigeria, Somalia, Yemen, Iraq, Iran, Syria, and in the Gulf of Mexico and Pacific Ocean;
- You supported and funded Israeli genocide against the Palestinians;
- You threatened to invade Greenland, Cuba, Mexico, Iran, Syria, and Nigeria;
- You weakened international law and increased the risk of war by kidnapping the President of Venezuela;
- You threatened to annex parts or all of Canada, Panama, and the Gaza Strip;
- You welcomed, as honored guests, the internationally-wanted war criminals Vladimir Putin and Benjamin Netanyahu;
- You contributed to deaths in Africa and elsewhere by cuts in international aid;
- You increased the risk of nuclear war by withdrawal from nuclear disarmament treaties and support for nuclear testing;
- You worsened the climate emergency by your domestic and international opposition to green energy and EVs;
- You rendered thousands jobless by stopping major wind and solar projects;
- You increased unemployment by placing tariffs on dozens of nations, including US allies;
- You ordered the deportation of thousands of migrants who were not convicted of any crime;
- You deployed the military, National Guard, and ICE to terrorize cities and states which did not support your election;
- You made healthcare unaffordable for 7.3 million Americans;
- You fired highly-qualified public servants;
- You appointed unqualified yes-men and women to lead vital government agencies;
- You took economic revenge on states and cities which did not support your election;
- You pardoned rioters who attempted to overthrow Congressional approval of your defeat by President Joe Biden;
- You pardoned Honduras' ex-president, jailed for helping drug cartels smuggle 400 tons of cocaine into the US;
- You falsely described the mother and poet murdered by an ICE agent, Renee Nicole Good, as a "domestic terrorist":
- You demolished the Rose Garden and East Wing, and then gilded the White House at great expense to taxpayers;
- You imposed your image or name on public buildings and proposed doing so on a coin, the tactics of a dictator;
- You threatened aid cuts to colleges and universities that allowed criticism of Israeli genocide against Palestinians;

BUT, you have proposed to cut in half the usurious interest charges levied by credit card companies. Let's build on that.

Although your credit card interest reduction proposal is the only bright spot that comes to my mind now, it stands as a ray of hope that you might still choose to embrace the compassionate path God created you to live. Why not make the final three years of your second term as good as the final years of Ebenezer Scrooge's life, after he was visited by three spirits. You are not obligated to continue the cruel and destructive path of 2025.

Each day, I will pray for you to find the grace, like the murderers Moses and Saint Paul, to devote the rest of your life to goodness.

Yours Truly,

Scott Schaeffer-Duffy

Scott Schaeffer-Duffy
Founding member of the Saints Francis & Thérèse Catholic Worker

An Artist

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"Hunger" 1923

feed their starving children.

Before the 1932 German elections, Kollwitz, together with Heinrich Mann and Albert Einstein, wrote an appeal for the Communists and Social Democrats to join forces to defeat the Nazis. The appeal, signed by 33 public figures, including her husband Karl, was ignored by the parties who let Hitler take power with only 37% of the vote.

"Germany's Children Are Starving" 1923

Between 1935 and 1937, Kollwitz's art was removed or banned in Munich, Düsseldorf, and Berlin. As part of the Nazi campaign against what Hitler call "degenerate art," works by Kollwitz were confiscated in at least eleven German museums. Worse yet, in 1936, the Gestapo threatened to take Käthe and her husband to a concentration camp for their anti-Nazism, a threat they did not bow to..

In 1938, Kollwitz was deeply shocked by the Kristallnacht pogrom against Jewish people. She denounced the Nazi's antisemitic violence, not only because she witnessed it, but also because her sister Lisbeth, married a Jewish engineer named George Stern. During World War II, Kollwitz attempted to support her Jewish fellow artists with ration coupons for Aryans.

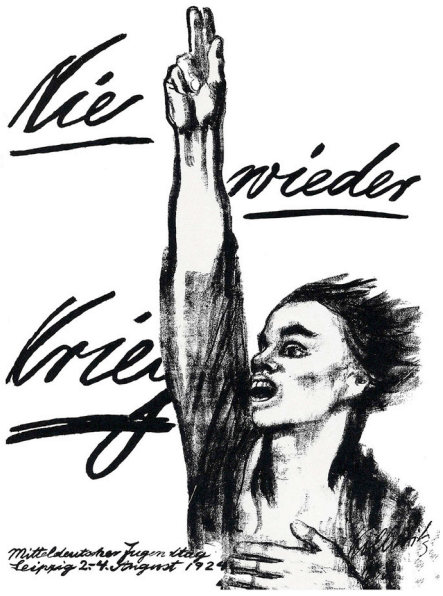
"Bread" 1924

In 1940, Karl, her husband and long-time supporter, died. As an expression of her sorrow, she created a sculpture entitled "Farewell."

In 1941, inspired by a quote from Goethe, Kollwitz created her last lithograph, the anti-war icon, "Seed-Corn Must Not Be Ground." A year later, her grandson Peter, who was named after her youngest son, was, like his uncle, killed in war.

In 1943, the Berlin air raids prompted Kollwitz to move outside the city with the sculptor Margret Böning. Two months later, Kollwitz's home in Berlin was bombed, destroying many of her artworks. She died the following year, a few days before the end of the war.

Käthe Kollwitz's life provides a guide for us now. Her socialist and Christian relatives raised her, not as an intolerant member of a self-righteous clique, but as an open-minded, inclusive, and compassionate person. Her parents encouraged her interest in an almost-certainly non-lucrative artistic career. Her husband shared her empathy with the poor and supported her art. She did not let parenthood exempt her from speaking out for social justice. Through personal experience, she learned that care for the poor demanded opposition to war. She tried to convince progressive parties to join forces against autocratic extremists. She refused to succumb to racist hysteria. She did not let censorship, pressure, or threats deter her from following her conscience.



"Never Again War" 1924

In this unprecedented time in US history, when the poor, migrants, people of color, women, children, Muslims, Christians, Jews, artists, musicians, doctors, college presidents, professors, editors, reporters, environmentalists, legislators, and judges are being abused and pressured to comply with deceitful and catastrophic policies, we must stand boldly, like Käthe Kollwitz, against what is wrong and for what is right. Ω

"Seed-Corn Must Not Be Ground" 1941

US Says Might Makes Right

On January 6, 2026, the fifth anniversary of the Trump-endorsed assault on the Congress in the US Capitol and three days after the US kidnapping of Venezuelan President Maduro and his wife, Stephen Miller, the United States Homeland Security Advisor, in a long interview on CNN said, "Talk all you want about international niceties, but we live in a world governed by strength, governed by force, and governed by power." He also said that Greenland "obviously" should be part of the US. Miller's wife, a strong Zionist, posted a map of Greenland superimposed with an American flag.

From his luxury Florida compound, Mar-a-Lago, Trump told reporters, "American dominance of the Western Hemisphere will never be questioned again." He pledged to go beyond the Monroe Doctrine, which initiated more than a 150 years of US exploitation of Central and South America. President Trump went on to threaten India, Iran, Cuba, Colombia, Mexico, and Greenland.

In the wake of these events and Trump administration comments, a full-page editorial in the January 6 *New York Times* concluded, "If the US adopts Russia's approach to conflict, the West's postwar consensus is dead." International Law, signed treaties, and the United Nations are already being ignored.

The consequences of this survival-of-the-fittest approach are chilling. Russia will not only seize all of Ukraine, but also Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Moldova, and even Finland. China could complete its genocide of Tibetan Buddhists and Muslim Uyghurs and then seize Taiwan with impunity. Israel could complete its genocidal campaign against the Palestinians and annex the West Bank, Gaza, and significant portions of Lebanon and Syria. Powerful nations will scramble for the largest "spheres of influence," i.e. areas of colonial domination. Weaker nations will seek stronger ones as protectors or risk being swallowed up. The resulting geo-political chaos will dramatically increase the risk of regional and world war.

Unless this trend is denounced and resisted by the Vatican and all other religious bodies, national and world courts, the world's democracies, the UN, and, most importantly, by nonviolent civilian resisters everywhere, the world could be entering a new dark age. Ω

Hope & Joy

by Scott Schaeffer-Duffy

In the face of an avalanche of bad news, how can we maintain hope and joy? Three things this week lifted my spirits.

The first occurred at Mass when we sang the following Quaker hymn written at a time when they were severely persecuted:

...When tyrants tremble, sick with fear
And hear their death-knell ringing
When friends rejoice both far and near
How can I keep from singing?

In prison cell and dungeon vile
Our thoughts to them are winging
When friends by shame are undefiled
How can I keep from singing?

No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Love is lord of heav'n and earth,
how can I keep from singing?

The second bright spot happened when I went for the first time to a vigil at the ICE Field Office in Burlington, Massachusetts where hundreds of people have been protesting for **39 weeks**. The crowd of over 500 inspired me to sing aloud Pete Seeger's rendition of Lorre Wyatt's song:

...So with our hopes we raise the sails
to face the wind once more
And with our hearts we chart the waters
never sailed before.

Somos el barco, somos el mar,
yo navego en ti, tu navegas en mi.
We are the boat, we are the sea,
I sail in you, you sail in me....

The last reminder not to despair came at Evening Prayer when, for a change, I paid attention to Psalm 27:

**The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?...**

**Though an army encamp against me,
my heart would not fear.
Though war breaks out against me,
even then would I trust....**

We choose to stand on the shoulders of our brave ancestors who, even in the cruelest circumstances, never lost hope or joy. Ω

Terrorist

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Iraqi Army's 3rd Corps was headquartered there, and resistance in the city was fierce. Truck drivers from the 6th Battalion provided cover for the "grunts" during fire fights and joined in house-to-house searches for Iraqi soldiers.

"I have done so much immoral shit that life is never going to seem the same, and all I want to do is erase the past month, pretend that it never happened." Lucey wrote in a letter to his girlfriend.

Lucey returned from Iraq an altered man. It seemed "like a hole had been blown out of the center of him," said his therapist. Lucey told his parents he shot two unarmed Iraqi POWs at close range. Under orders. Kevin Lucey said his son saw the humanity of his victims– the eyes of one reminded Jeffrey of his uncle – and their deaths haunted him. "Don't you know I am a murderer," he screamed to his sister on Christmas Eve. By June, he was dead.

"There is within most people an intense resistance to killing other people," writes Lt. Col. Dave Grossman, a military psychologist. "A resistance so strong that, in many circumstances, soldiers in battle will die before they overcome it." A military study of US combat soldiers in World War II found that only 15 to 20 percent shot at German or Japanese troops. Even when soldiers came under heavy fire, that percentage didn't increase.

Grossman's article, entitled "Hope on the Battlefield," cites the World War II study and subsequent others that showed soldiers often act as "conscientious objectors" on the battlefield. Those findings give reason to be optimistic about human nature, he notes. Yet academia, psychiatrists and psychologists have largely ignored them. Not the US military.

"Since World War II, a new era has quietly dawned in modern warfare," Grossman writes, "an era of psychological warfare conducted not upon one's enemies, but upon one's own troops." He describes the multiple methods used to overcome a soldier's innate resistance to killing: desensitization, classical and operant conditioning, denial defense mechanisms, and repetition. At boot camp, one is trained to make killing part of muscle memory.

Grossman's article, which he wrote in 2009 (He too was interested in combat trauma.) includes a disturbing observation from US Border Patrol agent Bill Jordan, described as "a veteran of many a gun fight." Jordan acknowledges the natural disinclination to pull the trigger. To overcome it, he advises willing yourself "to think of your opponent as a mere target and not a human being."

Cliff Harper

Like Lucey, Jonathan Ross, the ICE agent, who killed Renee Good in Minneapolis on January 7th, was an Iraq war veteran. He was twenty when he deployed as a gunner with the Indiana National Guard in 2004, one of the most violent years of the war. He obtained a college degree when he returned to the US then worked eight years for US Border Patrol before joining ICE in Minnesota.

Good was a poet, mother of three, and widow of an Iraq combat veteran bedeviled with PTSD. On the morning of her death, she and her partner Becca had stopped to support immigrant advocates publicly decrying yet another ICE arrest in the city. Video footage of the killing shows an unidentified ICE agent ordering Good to get out of her car, while Ross walks around to its front, filming both women with his cellphone. As Good slowly reverses and turns the car's wheels away from him, he fires his fatal shots.

Within hours of the murder, the Trump administration accused Good of domestic terrorism, claiming she weaponized her car. But it was Ross who had been weaponized, his war-time conditioning chillingly evident that morning. Three shots. Two aimed at Good's head. It took him just six seconds to extinguish her well-loved life.

The chickens have not merely come home to roost, they have come to claw at us as the country marches hellbent on the path of forever war. We know its landscape—another generation of militarized and mangled men walking among us and everyone—children in Gaza, migrants at the border, fishermen in the Caribbean, the poor, the undocumented, and the compassionate moms and poets who defend them—deemed an "illegal" or "terrorist." In this fascistic time of lies and de-humanization, even the gunned- up men are victims, conditioned to kill for the powerful. Ross "followed his training," DHS spokesperson Tricia McLaughlin said of Good's murder.

A makeshift memorial marks the spot where Good was killed. The crosses, votive candles, and photos of her perched atop heaps of flowers reminded me of similar memorials that filled the streets of lower Manhattan in the days following the plane strikes on the World Trade Towers. What a different present we might have if the US had not rushed to war in the aftermath of that devastation.

Minnesotans have held several prayer vigils at the Good memorial. In these times, all of us need to pray ceaselessly. On our knees and in the streets. The violence that has burdened Americans of color and the many countries we have bombed over the decades is choking the life out of our democracy. Few can breath. *O Lord, deliver us from the murderous way and lead us to the path that gives life to all. Ω*

Letters

Hi, Scott, et al,
Happy New Year! 52 states, now with Venezuela and Greenland! What's next? We colonize Mars and claim the moon? One thing never changes—Jesus is Lord, Savior, and our anchor in this chaotic era.

Tom Malloy
East Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Scott & Claire,
We have much to be thankful for. And your much-anticipated *Catholic Radical* is one of those things. Let us continue to work for peace and justice through this Christmas season and into the New Year, and seek to be more united through and with God. Let us strive to complete the vision of Jesus that all may be one.

Dewey Tiberii
Southbridge, MA

I agree wholeheartedly with Scott's article "Cost of an Electric Car." I love my Kia EV6. I just replaced the tires at 48,000 miles. No servicing required except tire rotation.

Tim McCaffrey
Nokomis, Florida

Dear Scott and Claire,
Many thanks for the Dec./Jan. issue of *The Catholic Radical*. Interesting, enjoyable, and stimulating. Scott's "Musings' about bogus assumptions brought back memories of how the Iraqis in Baghdad and Basrah burst my balloon many years back when our Voices in the Wilderness delegation walked among them.

I was from the U.S. of A., the country primarily responsible for the cruel sanctions that our Secretary of State admitted killed more than 500,000 children I expected to be treated, at best, with restrained hostility. So much for bogus assumptions! Whether in homes, hospitals, offices, morgues, or museums, Iraqis recognized all that we share regardless of where we happened to have been born or the actions of our respective governments.

Paul Rhem
Greenville, New York

Dear Claire and Scott,
I'm writing to thank you both for your powerful cover pieces in the December/January *Catholic Radical*.

After hearing about the horrific treatment of Palestinians in Israeli prisons documented in Scott's "Double Standard," it was heartening to read Claire's account of Pope Leo's eloquent defense of the global poor in *Dilexi Te*, his first "Apostolic Exhortation."

I loved Scott's book **Against All Odds**. Thank you for writing it, as it paints such a detailed picture of a campaign that I only heard about (and often lost track of) through periodic updates from Mike True.

I appreciate the early insights into people like you both, whom I didn't know until later, and the amazing Sue Malone (I'm tearing up just typing her name), whom I didn't meet until at least a decade later through Pax Christi, when she was already a living legend to me.

I also enjoyed learning more about the remarkable Tom Lewis, whom I, sadly, never met in person but am more and more impressed by as I hear more about him, including most recently, from Paul Gingras, who I hope can finish his film about Tom soon.

I especially enjoyed all your wonderful first-hand documentation from photos, newspaper articles, letters, and the book's lesson for today that the quest to abolish nuclear weapons can be won. As your book was my major Advent reading, that message of hope had particular resonance.

Mike Moran
Palmer, Massachusetts

Catholic Worker Calendar

February 11 & 25, March 11 - 25 - Evening Prayer: Please join us for prayer with *Lectio Divina* and Taizé chant. 52 Mason Street. 7 PM. Refreshments to follow.

St. Patrick's Day Parade Peace Vigil - Sunday, March 15: Please join us from noon to 1:30 PM near 260 Park Ave in Worcester as we proclaim the peaceful message of Ireland's patron saint, the Irish government, and people. Bring a folding chair. Wear weather-appropriate clothing. Stay as short or as long as you like.

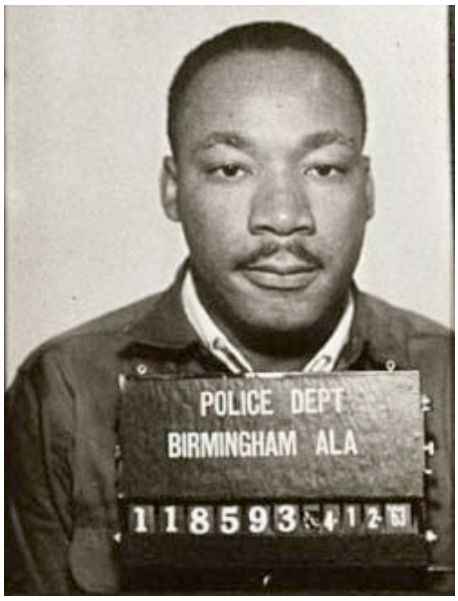
Mason Street Musings

Our Epiphany house blessing happened late this year which is why a clay statue of the Infant Jesus still lay in the middle of the kitchen table after the liturgical season of Ordinary Time had begun. I came back from Mass one morning to find his tiny crown sitting cock-eyed atop his head and one of the kings flopped across his body in a strange posture of adoration. Or exhaustion.

During the homily, the priest had said Ordinary Time is when we order our lives according to the Christmas story just told. God's birth on earth; the humble shepherds' adoration; the magi side-stepping Herod's deadly scheme and sticking with the starlit path, how to align our days with all of that?

Quite a challenge given our circumstances. We live under a government eager to refute the incarnational Christmas proclamation that God dwells among us. It is true, nonetheless. God does dwell among us. I have determined to make that proclamation my centering prayer phrase for 2026.

Despite a deep January snow, a large crowd turned out for Worcester's annual MLK Community Breakfast held to honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.,



a man Pope Francis identified as one of America's four greats. There have been times, when I thought the event to be nothing more than a lot of speechifying and a who's who of local politicians. But the mood at this year's gathering felt fiery and urgent.

"We are in a struggle for the heart and soul of America, and we don't have a moment to waste. Right now, impatience is a virtue," said Democratic Congressman Jim McGovern in a speech that called for defunding ICE and nonviolent protest against the abuses of the present-day. "Every freedom we have in this country happened because Americans fought for it," he said. A standing ovation with shouts of "Amen!" and "That's right!" followed his rousing words.

After the MLK breakfast, I canvassed on behalf of LUCE Immigrant Justice Network distributing flyers with the organization's statewide hotline number to stores and businesses in our neighborhood. Anyone witnessing, or experiencing, an immigration raid can call the number. Doing so activates volunteer ICE verifiers who will come to the scene to monitor the situation for rights violation. The LUCE project is just one of hundreds of efforts to protect immigrants that have sprung up across the country. Another example of the nimble creativity of nonviolence in the face of state brutality.

More than a hundred people volunteered for the LUCE outreach, so we canvassed in groups. I worked with Ginny, a retired Holy Cross professor, and a semi-retired attorney named Jesse. The three of us walked several blocks of Pleasant Street talking to shopkeepers all of whom were immigrants. "Thank you. Thank you," they quietly told us. In between stops, we discussed the dire national scene. "The storm clouds are not coming; they are here," Jesse said.

I was touched by his generosity. Jesse's wife of many years had recently died, and his house address and professional status indicated he was relatively affluent. He could have wallowed at home in his grief. Yet here he was out on the streets trying, in a small way, to mitigate the terror our government has imposed on our immigrant brothers and sisters. If, as Jesse says, the storm is here, I am happy to get drenched standing beside such a giver.

Love and faith grow in community. Build that wherever you are, dear readers. God does indeed dwell among us. Ω **Claire**

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